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WHEELING IN GRAVE

Of Losing the Great Improvement Contemplated by the National Tube Company.

VICE PRESIDENT F. J. HEARNE

Says the Exorbitant Demands Property Owners Will Probably Result in

THE IMPROVEMENTS

To One of the Several Towns Which Are Offering Very Liberal Inducements.

It is a well known fact that some of the North Benwood property owners are playing a game of "squeeze" with the Riverside Iron Works (National Tube Company).

It is not so well known that the situntion has reached a critical stage, and that unless a more reasonable spirit is evinced by the owners of the property desired, the improvements and addi-

This statement comes from the foun-tain head-from First Vice President Frank J. Hearne, of the National Tube Company, formerly general manager of the Riverside, and now the head of the manufacturing department of the Naienal, with headquarters at Pittsburgh. Mr. Hearne was in the city last night, en route to Kansas City. To an Intelligencer reporter he said just before his departure for the west late last night: "You may say—and I am sincere and honest in saying it—that it is nearly a

settled fact that the proposed improve-ments and additions to the Riverside plant will be abandoned, or rather transferred to some branch of the National Tube Company in another city. We have been successful in getting ome of the ground we want in upper for it, but there has been shown a most unreasonable spirit on the part of other "The improvements were

upon for Wheeling on the showing I ed was able to make before our executive known. board, but this showing could not be realized if we were to accede to the demands being made upon us. The executive board has not the same interest in Wheeling's welfare that I have, and which made me desirous of bringing the improvements here. The members of the board have other personal preferences, and if I cannot show that it is a good business move to improve the Riverside, most certainly the improvements will go elsewhere, and I will say in all candor that I have all called on me at Pittsburgh, and made a very attractive offer to sell us 1,000 acres of land, suitable for our purpose. McKeesport, where our company already has plants, is anxique to secure the improvements, and we have had an offer just recently for a site on Lake Erie, well situated, especially with reference to the cheap handling of ore from the lake boats. You will see we cannot, as a business concern, accede to the unreasonable demands made at once.

upon us here." "But hasn't Wheeling exceptional advantages as a point of manufac-

The rate from Connellsville to Wheeling is \$1 25, while the Connellsville-Pittsburgh rate is only seventy cents. "What of the Riverside's future if the improvements are taken else-

"Its importance will be minimised and our larger plants in other cities would be run in preference when it came to the question of shutting down

observations that Wheeling grave danger and it rests with the property owners of upper Benwood whether this community is to take a giant stride forward in the industrial procession, or relegate itself to a back seat by allowing the greatest opportunity of the past twenty years to pass

The Intelligencer man suggested that it would be proper for the chamber of commerce to take a hand at this critical functure but Colonel Hearne said he feared such action would be with out effect.

A PITTSBURGH ENTRANCE

As Well as an Extension Up the River to Empire Contemplated by the Wheeling & Lake Erie-A Pro gressive Railroad.

Colonel Frank J. Hearne, of Pitts burgh, formerly of Wheeling, who is a member of the board of directors of the Wheeling & Lake Eric railroad com any, was asked last night as to rumor that the road would be extend-

pany, was asked last laght as the rumor that the road would be extended up the river from Steubenville to Empire, and across the Ohio river at the latter point, and thence across the country into Pittsburgh.

He replied that the Wheeling & Lake Erie is desirous particularly of extending its road up the river in order to reach the many sewer pipe plants, located at Toronto, Empire and other Ohio river towns, and that after reaching Empire the road would doubtless seek an entrance into Pittsburgh. He added, however, that the matter was now only in contemplation, and had not come up at the recent needing of the board of directors.

Colonel Hearne said the Wheeling & Lake Erie is now one of the country's progressive railroads. Improvements have been made all along the line, and soon it will rank well with even the larger and more pretentious systems.

NATIONAL TIN PLATE.

NATIONAL TIN PLATE

Company Already Has Offers of Land For Its Proposed Plant.

which Senator Whitaker, ex-Govern Beaver, of Pennsylvania, and othe prominent gentlemen are interested, will meet for organization in Pitts-Jurgh, next Thursday, December 28.
One of the incorporators, Mr. A. B. Dally, jr., general manager of the Wheeling Natural Gas Company, said to an intelligencer man yesterday that the promoters are already in receipt of several offers of land and financial encouragement from towns that desire to acquire the proposed plant.

DR. LAMAR'S LECTURE

On "Dixie Before and During the War" Was Well Received.

The second lecture of the Y. M. C. A. urse was given last evening by Dr. A. W. Lamar, D. D. His subject, "Dixle Before and During the War," was handled in a manner to greatly interest the large and cultured audience.

died in a manner to greatly interest the large and cultured audience. Dr. Lamar is a man of pleasing address. He was introduced by Mr. Lynch, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and at once launched into his subject.

He first spoke of his childhood; he was born in slavery times, his first recollection being that of the "old black mammy" bending over the bed where he lay kicking up his bootless heels. His description of his black man, Jake, and how they loved each other; how they played together; how his impetuous nature was held in check by the black man's cool and steady courage, and how he still loved him, was enough to cause one almost to wish for those old, old times to come again, without the slavery. The description of the coon hum was very realistic. He showed up the best side of slavery, in contrast with the evils, and said that many read "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and then looked only on the dark side. There was a dark alde, and every word of Mrs. Stowe's book is true, but make the dark side even darker, and still slavery was better than the heathenism in Africa. Nothing would scare a slave more than to threaten to send him back to Africa.

Dr. Lamar is most dramatic in his style, and exemplified negro preaching, which was very natural. He has great Zeith in the future of the negro. No race in all time has made such progress as the negro since his freedom was given him.

him.

His description of political scenes that preceded the war was very realistic, and his etilogy of Abraham Lincoln was grand. The whole lecture abounded in word pictures so vivid that round after round of appliause greeted them as they were drawn by the speaker. The lecture was very well received, and Dr. Lamar will be welcomed again at any time.

COULD NOT IDENTIFY HIM.

McMechen Man Suspected of Attempting Criminal Assault.

Wednesday evening, on Railroad street, in McMechen, a young woman man, but fortunately her cries attracted others to the scene, and the assailant ran away without having accomp property owners which we cannot sub- lished his vile object. The young woman and her family are highly respectsettled able, and intense indignation was creatwhen the occurrence became

known.

Sheriff Doyle, of Marshall county, and the McMechen authorities made an investigation yesterday. A young mangamed Stewart was taken before the girl, who could not identify him as her assaliant, though she said he looked like the fellow. The officers are pursuing their investigation, and an arrest may result te-day.

The McMechen Reception.

The second Mrs, Birney Kennard Mc Mechen reception occurred yesterday afternoon and evening at Maple's Croft, Pleasant Valley. The decorations were but given up the struggle. The other in harmony with the holiday season day a committee from another piace and included mistletoe and holly. A called on me at Pittsburgh, and made a large number of guests were present.

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ICES and Ice Cream for Christmas. ZIEGENFELDER'S.

Menu For Christmas Dinner. NUMBER ONE. Oyster Cocktail. Caviare on Toast. Sauterne.

Clear Tomato Soup. Olives. Celery
Bolled Lake Trout. Sauce Piquante.
Sherry.
Roast Turkey, Stuffed with Truffles,
Cranberry Sause.
St. Julian. St. Julian.
Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Scalloped Oysters,
Grape-fruit.
Chateau La Rose.
Roast Canvasback Duck. Fried Hominy.
Duc de Montebello.

Buc de Montebello.

Stuffed Peppers. Salad.
Celery and English Walnuts.
French Dressing.
Pommery Sec.
English Pium Pudding. Hard Sauce.
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A BRIDGEPORT BOY DIES

In a House on Roff Street Early This Morning - Overdose of Morphine Was the Cause.

An unfortunate affair occurred this morning at 2 o'clock. Charles Branum, of Bridgeport, a young man about twen-ty-five years of age, died at the house No. 1812 Eoff street, occupied by Clau-die Martell. His death was due to excessive use of morphine and alcoholic

It appears that young Branum took a large dose of morphine yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, and Dr. Bebout was summoned by the inmates. The dochours later. Branum seemed to grow stronger as the day progressed, and was able to walk around. During the afternon he procured morphine from a house across the street, and the quantity he injected into his arm is uncertain, though it, with his exhausted condition generally was instrumental in causing Last night Dr. Bebout visited Branun

again, and his patient's condition was not alarming. About 1:30 o'clock this morning he and Dr. W. R. Taylor were given "hurry" calls over the telephone. The latter arrived first on the scene, just

The latter arrived first on the scene, just ten minutes before the young man expired. Dr. Bebout arrived a few minutes later.

The death occurred in an uestairs room, and the inmates of the house gave way to their emotions when it was announced. Officer McGuigan was soon on the scene, and Coroner Schultze was asked to investigate the circumstances. An inquest may not be deemed necessary. The remains will be removed to the family home in Bridgeport some time to-day.

In Clerk Robertson's Office Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's of-

fice, the following was recorded: Deed made November 25, 1899, by the Greenwood Cemetery to Sophia M. Mc

marriage incenses were issued to:
Joseph L. Barrett, aged twenty-four,
of Brinton: Pa., and Gertrude Johnson,
aged twenty-three, of Wheeling.
William F. Schmalz, aged twenty-one,
and Maud White, aged twenty-one, of
Washington, Pa.
Susan F. Babcock was appointed
guardian for Lydia R., Wade and Edna
B. Babcock.

Stereotypers Refused to Go Out. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21.—In con-ection with the printers' strike in this city, the stereotypers were ordered out to-day to assist their fellow-workmen. but with the exception of two, all re-fused to obey the order. They say the printers were not ordered out to help fight in Chicago recently, and they declare themselves under no obligations

as a body to the printers.

All the papers in the city, both morning and afternoon, are being published as usual, notwithstanding the fact that but few of their regular forces are on duty.

Immediate Advance in Pottery. EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 21 .- The yellow ware pottery manufacturers at their meeting, which was concluded today, agreed to advance their selling price lists 5 per cent, the increase to take effect immediately.

FOR CHRISTMAS—Boys' Fine Dress Shoes for \$1 25 and \$1 48, at M'FADDEN'S.

XMAS RUSH

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cents per pound.
All hand work finished 10 cents
per pound. At LUTZ BROS'.
Home Steam Laundry.

MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's Progressive Neighbor. The St. Clairsville presbytery met at the First Presbyterian church, in this

city, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was a called one for the transaction of some important business, and the attendance was large. Rev. H. H. Mc-Masters, who has been paster of the church at Washington, Ohio, Guernsey church at Washington, Ohio, Guernsey county, was dismissed, to accept a call in the Maumee presbytery. At this meeting they also received from the presbytery of Yorkshire, England, Rev. R. T. Coffey, who has been called as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Beliaire, and the date set for the installation was January 15, Rev. Leonard Twinum was also released from his charges with the Adena and Wheeling Valley churches, to accept a call at Orr Valley churches, to accept a call at Orr ville, Ohio. There is also a called meet ing of the presbytery to be held at the First Presbyterian church in Barnesa ville next Thursday to receive and in-stall Rev. Cully, of Emlenion, Pa., as pastor of the church of that place.

Martin's Ferry Briefs.

James Miskell, who has been spoken of by his many Republican friends for some time as a probable candidate for street commissioner before the Republican primaries in the spring, has decided to enter the race. Mr. Miskell served the city in this capacity two years ago, and was considered by the majority of our citizens as the best commissioner we have ever had, and will undoubtedly be a strong candidate.

Miss Margaret McWilliams entertain-

be a strong candidate.

Miss Margaret McWilliams entertained a number of her friends in a very pleasant manner lest evening, at the home of her parents, Mr, and Mrs. William McWilliams, on Third street. About fifteen couples were present, who enjoyably spent the evening at eards and other social diversions until a seasons.

the week was the six o'clock tea ten-dered by Mrs. Kenworthy Hoge, at her residence, on North Fourth street, to a number of her inlimate friends last eve-ning. About a dozen guests were pres-ent, and the evening passed off very plassantly. pleasantly

'The National Glass Company's plant in this city wil close down to-morrow evening for the holidays. It will not resume until January 2.

Mrs. L., J. C. Drennen will be home to-morrow from a ten days' visit with her staters, Mrs. W. B. Dodge, at Oberlin. Tin mills Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 at the Aetna-Standard were off yesterday, on account of the shortage of bars.

Ike Lewis and W. H. Helfenbine re-turned yesterday from a several days' hunt, near Trenton.

William McLain, of Fairmont, is the uest of his brother, Samuel, on Second

Samuel Warffuel returned last eve-

Mrs. Matt Gray is quite ill at her home Earl Pugh is very ill at his home on Walnut street.

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CUFF Buttons, Bracelets, Studs, W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

other social diversions until a seasona-ble hour, at which time dainty refresh-ments were discussed.

One of the pleasant social events of

R. B. McCullough, of Wheeling, and W. T. Baker and B. F. Brady, of this city, are appraising the stock of Arn-ttein & Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Beck leave to-morrow for Marion, Ind., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Pearl Schofield.

Miss Emma Coss leaves to-day for Washington, Pa., to spend several days

Miss Maggie Ralston leaves to-morrow for Bellefortaine. Ohio, to visit rela-

John Brown, of Harrisville, is the guest of John Oxley, on Broadway. Fred Harrison, of Bowerston, was in town yesterday on business.

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BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the End of the Bridge. A man from Harrisville, whose name

ild not be learned, met with rather a painful accident yesterday. He was leading a cow through town, en route to Wheeling, when the animal scared at a passing street car. He was thrown to the ground with force sufficient to break the long bone in the right arm. Dr. Hepler reduced the fracture.

Misses Nellie and Alice Graham, of Chicago, will arrive here to-day, to spend a couple of weeks with friends

Miss Gertrude McConnaughey return-ed yesterday from Wilson College, at Chambersburg, Pa., to spend the holi-days.

Frank Branum returned last evening from Columbus, where he has been at-tending the Ohio State University. John Cannon of Dubuque, Iowa, is the guest of Thomas Welsh and other friends in this vicinity. Park J. Alexander has returned from Washington & Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa.

Charles Fisher, who has been ill for several weeks, with typhoid fever, is able to be up.

Miss Mary Donahey returned yesterday from Wilson College, at Chambersburg, Pa.

Dr. Harles

Dr. Hepler leaves Sunday for Fair-mont, Pa., to spend Christmas with his Joseph Steger, of Terre Haute, Ind., is the guest of friends in this city. Allen Gordon has returned from Ken-on College, at Gambler, Ohlo.

John Bula is quite il at his home, on FOR CHRISTMAS-Men's Patent Leather or Enamel Dress Shoes \$2 98,

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YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES, PHISBURGH, GREENWOOD, 7a, m. Cincinnati. QUEEN CITY, 8a, m. Marischa. URANIA, 8a, m. Matamoras, JEWEL, 11 a, m. Parkeraburg, H. K. MEDFORD, H. a, m. Pittsburgh, LORENA, 11 a, m. Statesville. RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville. T. M. HAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

THE RIVER.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. BOATS LEAVING TO AM PHISBURGH, VERGINIA, § 2. m. Marietta. URANIA, § a. m. Parkersburg BEN HUR, Ha m. Newport. ELCHSE, Ha. m. Sistersville. RUTH, § 30 p. m. Clarington. LERGY, § 30 p. m. Steubenville. T. M. BAYNE, 200

Steubenville. T. M. BÄYNE, 200 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Marietta... URANIA, 8 a. m. Charleston... GREENWOOD, 5:20 a. m. Parkersburg. H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. Matamoras... JEWEL, 11 a. m. Sistersville... RUTH, 3:20 p. m. Clarington... LERGY, 2:30 p. m. Steubenville.. T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m. Along the Landing.

The Ben Hur will be here to-day for Parkersburg at 11 a. m. The Queen City arrived from above at a, m. and cleared for Cincinnati at 8 clock, with a nice trip out of the up-

The Virginia passes up for Pitts-burgh at 7 o'clock this morning. She was reported passing Ravenswood yes-terday at 11 a. m. The marks at 6 p. m. Thursday showed 16 feet 7 inches and rising. At midnight the top-notch of the rise, 17 feet, was reached, and the river became stationary.

tionary.

During the fire at the Bellaire coal works early yesterday morning, described in another column, the float at the Wegee coal works, a short distance below, sank. Miners employed in the bank were allowed to sleep in the float upon agreeing to keep it pumped, which they did not do. G. B. Wick, of Butler, Pa., is the guest of Park J. Alexander.

Tow Boats Arrive.

M'FADDEN'S. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.-Forty-five towboats will commence to arrive at Pittsburgh to-night and to-morrow, with tows of empties, which will be distributed to the various mines in the pools of the Monongahela river. These boats will return to Cincinnati and Louisville with ten million bushels of coal waiting shipment to southern ports The excellent stage of water in the Ohio river to-day insures good boating water to New Orleans.

> River Telegrams. River Telegrams.
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> OIL CITY—River 7 feet and falling.
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> Weather, clear and cold.
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> WARREN—River 5 feet 7 inches.
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> Clear and cold.
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> GREENSBORO—River 10 feet and stationary. Fair and 400l.
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> MORGANTOWN—River 9 feet 6 inches and stationary. Clear and cool.
>
> BROWNSVILLE—River 10 feet 4 leaches and falling.

BROWNSVILLE—River 10 feet 4 nehes and falling.
STEUBENVILLE—River 17 feet 2 nehes and rising. Weather, clear and cold. Passed up—Greenwood, Lorena, Robert McKinley. Passed down—Catherine Davis. Another of the Moren's parges in the channel below this city was dynamited to-day.
PARKERSHURG—Ohio river 13 feet & inches and rising. Cloudy: mercury.

PARKENSBURG-One river as feet a feet a inches and rising. Cloudy; mercury 30. Passed up—Virginia, Valley Belle. Passed down—Queen City, Duffy. Due down—Bedford. Little Kanawha is failing. Locals on time. MEN'S \$2 00 Warm Felt Shoes for

Winter, \$1 48, at M'FADDEN'S.

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